

Edward C. Coyle

(- 20 May 1909)

Coyle. Suddenly, on May 21, 1909, Edward Emory, son of the late Bernard F. and Mary A. Coyle of Baltimore, in the thirty-fifth year of his age. Funeral from his late residence, 632 East Capitol street, Monday, May 24, at 2 p.m.

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"Eddie" Coyle Dies Suddenly

Popular Correspondent Victim of Pneumonia

Representative Here of Baltimore and Western Papers for a Dozen Years

Funeral Monday

Edward E. Coyle died suddenly in Baltimore yesterday of a number of diseases, the end superinduced by pneumonia.

Funeral services will be held at the home of his sister, Mrs. Herbert E. Martyn, 632 East Capitol street, this city, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Richard L. Shipley, pastor of the North Carolina Avenue M.P. Church, will officiate. Interment will be in Congressional cemetery. Members of the newspaper fraternity in Washington will act as pallbearers.

"Eddie" Coyle was held in affectionate regard by his colleagues as one of the most popular and capable newspaper men of the capital, and his death will be felt as a distinct loss.

Mr. Coyle was a native of Baltimore, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Francis Coyle. He was a brother of Wilbur F. Coyle, the city librarian of Baltimore.

In 1897 he came to Washington as the representative of the Baltimore News. He was well trained for the position, possessed a thorough grasp of national affairs and soon won the high respect of prominent officials and the members of his fraternity. He enjoyed an intimate acquaintance with President McKinley, President Roosevelt, President Taft, many senators, representatives and diplomats. Besides his newspaper work Mr. Coyle did considerable writing for magazines and periodicals. He could deliver a splendid address, and proved this at his alma mater a few years ago, when he spoke for the alumni.

Before coming to the capital he had been private to the late Gov. Lloyd Lowndes of Maryland, and to William W. McIntyre, when the latter was a member of Congress from the fourth Maryland district.

Mr. Coyle represented the Detroit Free Press, the Grand Rapids Herald and the Pittsburg Sun in Washington. He possessed the friendship of the late President McKinley, former President Roosevelt and President Taft. He was a member of the Journalists' Club of Baltimore and the National Press Club.

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Tribute of Correspondents

Sorrow Expressed at the Death of Eddie Coyle

Resolutions Adopted by Members of the Press Galleries of Congress, Deploring Sad Event

A big meeting of the members of the corps of Washington correspondents was held yesterday afternoon in the Senate press gallery to adopt resolutions of sorrow for the sudden death of Edward E. Coyle, familiarly known as "Eddie" Coyle, who for a dozen years was one of their number. Charles S. Albert, secretary of the standing committee on correspondents presided in place of Maurice Splain, the chairman, who for many years was intimately associated with Mr. Coyle.

Upon motion of Mr. Splain a committee consisting of Isaac Gregg, E. Jesse Conway and Leroy T. Vernon, was appointed by the chair to draw up suitable resolutions. After a brief recess the committee reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

Resolutions Adopted

"The members of the press galleries of the Senate and House of Representatives are called together today to express formally the sorrow which each individual feels so deeply at the death of one of their best beloved associates--Edward E. Coyle.

"Few men have lived lives of such infinite kindness as "Eddie" Coyle. Few men, dying, leave behind them such sweet memories. Mr. Coyle died, after thirty five years of a lovable life, every minute of which now rises as a monument to his memory. His mission in life seemed to be to make others happier. His wit was inimitable. Neither sorrow nor adversity dampened it. A year ago he suffered as few men have suffered, but with his unflinching courage and sunny disposition he triumphed over the death which nearly overtook him. His end at this time, unexpected and so sudden as to be almost beyond understanding, is one of the cruelest blows ever dealt the newspaper workers of Washington.

"We extend our deep sympathy to his relatives.

"It is here ordered by the corps of correspondents in special session assembled that this expression of our affection for him and regret at his death be communicated to his relatives."

Baltimoreans Take Action

Mr. Albert read the following telegram from Raleigh C. Smith, president of the Journalists' Club of Baltimore:

Baltimore, Md., May 22, 1909

"Maurice Splain, Chairman Correspondents' Committee, Washington:

"Newspaper men of Baltimore will hold a memorial meeting at 3:30 this afternoon at the Journalists' Club to take action on the death of Eddie Coyle. The Baltimore newspaper men, especially Coyle's old intimate associates, send greetings to his Washington newspaper friends and indorse in advance any tribute paid by your organization to the best of comrades in our mutual vocation."

Mr. Splain was authorized to send a suitable reply to this telegram.

The chair appointed Maurice Splain, Harris M. Crist, James P. Hornaday and John Shriver as pallbearers to represent the corps of correspondents in pursuance of a request of Mr. Coyle's family. The following committee was also selected to attend the funeral, which will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at 632 East Capitol street: E.B. Johns, George R. Brown, A.O. Hayward, Angus McSween, Gerald Egan, Louis Garthe, John P. Miller, E.B. Clarke, George E. Miller, John E. Monk and Jesse Carmichael.

It was ordered that a floral tribute be sent in the name of the correspondents under the direction of James D. Preston, superintendent of the Senate press gallery.

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Eddie Coyle Laid to Rest

Funeral Ceremonies for Popular Correspondent at Sister's Home

Final tribute was paid to Eddie Coyle, the popular news correspondent, yesterday afternoon, at the home of his sister, Mrs. H.T. Martyn, 632 East Capitol street, where funeral services were held. The house was filled with friends of the family and Mr. Coyle's associates in newspaper work.

The Rev. Richard Shipley, who conducted the services, paid high tribute to Mr. Coyle's character. He spoke of his attractive qualities and said that the main causes of Mr. Coyle's popularity were his earnest and sincere nature, his unfailing devotion to his friends and his high-minded devotion to right.

Following the services the remains were taken to Congressional cemetery, where they were laid to rest. The pallbearers were Maurice Splain, James Hornaday, Harris Crist and John Shriver, members of the press gallery, and Raleigh Smith, W. Dwight Burroughs and Arthur W. Haws of the Journalists' Club of Baltimore. The drawing room of Mrs. Martyn's home, where the services were held, was filled with floral offerings from Mr. Coyle's friends.